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## Strange Story of Indian Captivity

**Taken Captive by Indians as a Boy Andres  
Martinez Grows to Manhood as an Indian  
But is Found and Restored to friends**

Diomicio Martinez of Cimarron virtually became an Indian. He lost and his brother Andres Martinez of Verden, Oklahoma, were in the city on Wednesday and returned to Cimarron that day. They had been to Holme, Colorado, on a visit to another brother, Victorina Martinez.

Andres Martinez will visit his sister in Las Vegas before returning to his home.

Diomicio Martinez is a railroad contractor and is engaged with a large force of men in working for the Rocky Mountain company at Cimarron where he and his family reside.

Andres Martinez in whose veins flow Spanish-Mexican blood was born in 1858 at Las Vegas. When a lad of eight years he was, during an Indian raid by Apache Indians captured and taken to the Pecos valley by members of this tribe. Here he was kept captive for three months when he was used as a peace offering from the Apaches to the Kiowas of Oklahoma who had battled with them and with whom peace was thus declared and sealed with the offering of the Mexican lad. The child now

virtually became an Indian. He lost his Spanish speech in the nineteen years he lived with the Kiowas.

When the government undertook the civilizing of the Kiowas and other Oklahoma tribes, Andres Martinez known then as Andilly Ontumbe, meaning track hunter, was among them and was trained as a blacksmith.

A man named Jackson, who had business with the Kiowas and knew their language, one day noticed Andilly and questioned him. He remembered the word Las Vegas and the names of his father and elder brother Juan N. Ma. Martinez and Diomicio Martinez. Jackson's interest led him to address a letter to the Las Vegas Gazette in 1885 which caught the notice of Diomicio, his brother and he with his other brother, Victorina, went at once to Oklahoma where they found their brother in Indian dress of blanket and moccasins at work as a blacksmith.

He could not understand their tongue nor could he speak English with them. The government inter-

preter was offered them by the resident Indian agent and for four days the tongue of the Kiowas and the tongue of the Mexicans was interpreted from one to the other till the chain of identity was completed. As soon as arrangements were made by which Andilly Ontumbe now again Andres Martinez, should not lose his rights as a member of the Kiowa tribe, the three brothers returned to Las Vegas. Here Andres was put in school although he was then twenty-eight years of age. He studied hard for five years and then returned to the Oklahoma Indian reservation.

After securing his allotment of land and money by his Indian rights, he entered the government schools as a teacher of the Indians. Here he also assisted in the management of Indian affairs and became of great use to the government.

Later he fell in love with Amy McQuita, an American girl, a teacher also in the schools and was also married to her thirteen years ago, and they are now happily settled at Verden, Oklahoma, where Mr. Martinez is engaged in farming and stock raising. Mr. Martinez is an intelligent man and speaks with feeling of his days of captivity and subsequent Indian life.

At the time of his recovery to his people his aged mother was living and was much overjoyed. She died two years later. Several sisters live at Las Vegas and Mr. Martinez is now visiting with them.

## Opening Session of the Thirty-Seventh Legislative Assembly

When the territorial secretary called for the nomination of a permanent president on the convening of the council at Santa Fe on Monday, Carl A. Dalles, of Torrance, member from the eleventh district composed of the counties of Otero, Lincoln and Torrance, nominated Charles A. Spies of Las Vegas, member of the council from the fourth district composed of San Miguel county.

In his speech preceding the naming of Mr. Spies, Mr. Dalles paid glowing tribute to the San Miguel councilman's ability in all lines, his personal, private and public character, his work for the advancement of New Mexico and his legislative experience. A burst of applause almost drowned Mr. Dalles's concluding words as he said:

"Mr. Spies will adorn the chair—and when this session is over, I am sure every man, woman and child will say he has done his duty well."

**Spies President of Council.**

The nomination of Mr. Spies for president of the council was duly seconded by W. G. Sargent, territorial auditor and member of the council from the third district, Rio Arriba and San Juan counties. He had to hurry to secure recognition ahead of several other members.

J. O. Cameron, democratic member from the twelfth district, Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt counties, seconded the nomination on behalf of the minority party, declaring the nomination a "most happy one."

Charles A. Spies was duly elected by unanimous rising vote.

Upon motion of Jacob Chaves, seconded and carried, Secretary Raynolds appointed Messrs. Dalles, Chaves and Cameron a committee to escort the president to his chair.

**Speech of President Spies.**

Mr. Spies took his seat amidst prolonged applause.

He then spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the Council:

I desire to express my most sincere thanks to you for the honor you have conferred upon me in selecting me as your presiding officer.

I look to you and each of you for guidance in discharging the duties imposed upon us.

It was the earnest desire of a vast majority of the people that the present legislature should have been the last one held under the territorial form of government and that we should at this time be engaged in forming a constitution for a state government. In this we have been disappointed by the action taken by Arizona in answering in the negative the question: "Shall Arizona and

New Mexico be united to form a single state?"

Notwithstanding that hope has been again deferred it is our duty as legislators to lend our aid in the up-building of the industries of our territories and by a continuation of the splendid industrial achievements of the past our claim upon congress for statehood will be so strong that our rights in that behalf will in the very near future be granted. The eyes of the people of New Mexico and the country at large are upon the legislature as they have never been upon one before. Our capacity for self-government is on trial as it never has been before. Our fitness for statehood will be judged by results of our legislative actions. We must show the congress of the United States that we are not only able to take care of ourselves, but that we can maintain a government which will be a credit to the country at large.

In this behalf I desire to call attention to the fact that there is now pending before congress legislation which has for its purpose the prohibition of gambling in the territories. If gambling is an evil which should be eradicated, and I believe it is, then we should ourselves eradicate it. It is a sad commentary upon the morals of our people that congress is required to interfere in our purely local affairs and regulate evils against which we ourselves should legislate. I think we should at a very early date enact laws which abolish the system of licensing gambling and instead thereof prohibit it entirely.

In considering legislation I also desire briefly to call your attention to what has been a practice in preceding legislatures in creating or attempting, at creating territorial educational institutions. The temptation of individual members to commemorate their services to their particular constituents by having an educational institution located within their county is strong but exceedingly expensive. New Mexico has now more than sufficient institutions of higher learning. The present wants of our people is a better administration of the common school system, so that every child will be given a good common school education and thereby be better fitted to enter upon the duties of life.

An industrial school would fill a long felt want in New Mexico.

We should give more attention to educating the hand. There is no reason why our own laboring element cannot raise itself by proper industrial training from one dollar a day men, to skilled laborers. The pride of every people is to furnish its own products, its own labor and its own government.

## Some Maxwell City Locals and Personals

John Klysmá returned from Denver yesterday.

F. Dikman has moved his family to the R. W. Mize farm.

Fred Rogers of Raton is spending a few days with friends here.

The wife of Thomas Carewas died last Monday of pneumonia, at their ranch home east of here.

D. H. Sullivan and wife were in Raton two or three days this week.

Albert Rogers has bought an eighty acre farm, under the Hardacre ditch, from Fred Rogers.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lujan died a few days ago.

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### BIG DEAL IN SHEEP AND LANDS.

Jerome and Oscar Troy have sold their sheep and leased their ranch, near Chico, to Thomas P. James of Folsom. Mr. James, who has already a large sheep ranch will combine Troy Bros. holdings with his own and will operate in the sheep raising business on a large scale. This will make one of the largest ranches in the territory. The consideration was about one hundred thousand dollars.

### Assistant Chief Clerk

J. P. Brackett was made assistant chief clerk of the Council at Santa Fe on Monday. Mr. Brackett's long experience as county clerk of Colfax county, together with a legislative clerical experience, especially fits Mr. Brackett for this very responsible position. Mr. Brackett's friends congratulate him on the appointment.

### NEW MEXICO APPOINTMENTS

Washington, Jan. 22.—Postmaster at Old Albuquerque, Charles Mann vice G. E. Denny resigned;

The nature of its illness is not known.

S. H. Rogers of Raton has been here several days looking after business affairs.

Mrs. T. B. Simmons went to Weston, Colorado, today where she was called to the bedside of her father, W. T. Burns, who is seriously ill of heart failure.

John Heringa has bought a racket store in Fort Collins, Colorado, and will move his family there soon.

Mrs. Manuel Valdez has been seriously ill for the past week but is reported some better. Dr. Carl Feforge of Springer is waiting on her. DIXIE.

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Anton Chico, Guadalupe county Manuelito Mink, vice Sophia Sanchez, resigned; Paquate, Valencia county, Anna C. Engle, vice Ayche Saracino, resigned; Weed, Otero county, James W. Bennett, vice J. D. Bunting, resigned.

### How to Route Express Packages

Shipments of express matter intended for Preston, Koehler, Vermajo, Cimarron and Ute Park, N. M., and points in the vicinity of these towns, should be routed via Wells-Fargo Express, as this express company operates over the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific Railway.

Walter Campbell and Miss Nellie Mae Nix were united in marriage Monday, January 21, by the Rev. Cutler of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will make their home at 312 North Second street. Mr. Campbell is employed by the Santa Fe.

## MONEY TO LOAN

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